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Dear Director Koenings,

I am writing to thank the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for the action recently taken against four hunters suspected of bear baiting in Skykomish.

The Humane Society of the United States, and the 63% majority of Washington citizens who voted to ban the unsporting practice of bear baiting in this state, greatly appreciate the WDFW's investigation of this blatant violation of the law. We urge you to prosecute these individuals to the fullest extent possible.

Again, thank you for your prompt action and for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Wathne, Director
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